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report on Brandis airfield which gives information under the following headings: (1) Ground Activity and Personnel, (2) Rail Movements, and (3) Projected Construction Work.

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EAST GERMANYAIR/MILITARYBRANDIS Airfield(27 Jan - 22 Mar 56)25X1
25X11. Ground Activity/Personnel

During the above period there has been no change in the situation. There are no aircraft on the airfield, nor is the Ack Ack site occupied. No personnel have been assembled at the airfield during the period, and no special troop transports have been detailed.

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The three small units still based here are:-

- (a) The Tractor Repair Unit  with an estimated strength of 150 - 200 men.
 - (b) The Airfield Guard Unit, also estimated as being at company strength i.e. approximately 200 men.
 - (c) The MT Unit, which consists of 20 - 30 vehicles, mostly two and three axled lorries, cranes, bowlers, (for water and fuel oil) and two driving school vehicles. Personnel strength 150 - 200 men.
- (Major YUNIN (a SAF officer) is the Transport Officer and appears to be acting Commandant, although the Lt. Col. or Col. who was Commandant while the airfield was occupied by aircraft has not vacated his house - the former GAF Commandant's residence.

2. Rail Movements

There were no movements of PSP in or out during the above period. Only one cistern wagon (two axled) approximately 20,000 litres capacity) of MT fuel from LEUNA was delivered.

In February, 6 flats with a total of 8 tractors were despatched to RIBNITZ/DAMGARTEN and on 2 flats, 2 lorries and 1 tractor arrived from NEU BRANDENBURG. There were 37 O-wagons of coal delivered to the airfield during the period. In each case, the load was addressed to "Vollmacht Ketsch LEIPZIG Nr. 512 or 522,556, 82". The different numbers have presumably indicated different officers or units on the airfield, because each number has indicated the off loading point: i.e. Nr. 556 is the fuel dump at the rear of Boiler House No.3, Nr. 512 at a point where a sign post bearing the number 512 has been erected.

13 G-wagons of provisions from either WERNEUCHEN or JUTERBOG/ALTES LAGER were also delivered.

3. Projected Construction Work

In addition to the rail deliveries detailed above, the following building materials were delivered:-

140	tons	of	broken	stones
40	"	"	granite	chips
40	"	"	sharp	sand

This has been unloaded by the Stores Building behind Boiler House No.1. No delivery of cement has yet been made.

It cannot yet be stated where the building activity will take place. However, during February t

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during February an area has been cleared of trees on the West side of the Machern-Polenz road opposite the Main Gate at US 357 899 (map ref.). The area so far cleared is estimated as 100 m. in depth and on a road frontage of 200 - 300 m. The railway line crosses the centre of this cleared area.

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